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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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DATE

5 August 1958

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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1 to 9:

We are resubmitting our request for an extension of the AEROT project dated 10 July instead of writing an addendum to the previous request.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT : Request for Extension of AEROOT Project

1. It is requested that the AEROOT Project be extended for an additional six months to 30 September 1958. The project was last renewed on 6 July 1957 for the period 1 November 1956 to 31 March 1958.

2. AEROOT is a roof project covering a number of CE and FI activities. A preliminary Headquarters review has resulted in the finding that continuation of AEROOT as a roof project appears no longer justified. We are planning to:

- a. Write separate FI projects for those assets of the roof project which have a reasonable chance of producing.
- b. Weed out those elements which are non-productive.
- c. Separate valid CE assets and write a separate project around them.
- d. Terminate the roof project by 30 September 1958.

3. The extension is necessary to give the Field and Headquarters sufficient time to complete a critical review of the project, and to make funds available until new projects can be prepared and approved.

4. The following agent personnel are presently active in the AEROOT project:

- a. AENEON/14, an Estonian by birth, is a naturalized U.S. citizen. Operational Approval C-48197 was granted 10 September 1956. He served as a contract agent in Helsinki, Finland, under academic cover. AENEON/14 will leave Helsinki in September 1958. His contract will not be renewed.
- b. AENEON/16 is a Baltic German. Operational Approval C-53567 was granted 14 December 1956. He has made one trip to the USSR on a merchant vessel. He serves as spotter for legal travelers to the Estonian SSR. ~~It is planned to transfer him to the AECORSAIR project.~~  
*He will be transferred*

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- c. AENEON/21 is an Estonian emigre in West Germany. Operational Approval C-59584 was granted 30 September 1957. AENEON/21 was under consideration for a repatriation mission to Estonia, but declined the mission. He ~~will~~ *has been* terminated.
- d. AENEON/24 is an Estonian emigre residing in Germany. Operational Approval C-62656 was granted 23 January 1958. ~~He is in contact with AERFLIRTY/3.~~ It is planned to write a separate CE project around his operation, if developments warrant continuation. *He receives no salary.*
- e. AENEON/27 is an Estonian emigre residing in West Germany. Operational Approval C-61883 was granted 24 March 1958. He is an editorial assistant to AERROOT/5. It is planned to terminate him.
- f. AENEON/35 is an Estonian emigre residing in Finland. Operational Approval C-68425 was granted 17 June 1958. He served as an unwitting informant of AENEON/14, and is being considered as a replacement for AENEON/14. If he is placed under salary, a separate FI project will be written for his operations.
- g. AERROOT/5 is the editor of an emigre Estonian newspaper in West Germany. Operational Approval C-35273 was granted 1 June 1955. He is in contact with a number of Soviet Estonians who have connections with the R.I.S. It is planned to either terminate him, or to write a separate project around him with CE objectives.
- h. AERROOT/6 is a Soviet Estonian whose connections with the R.I.S. have not been precisely determined. He is presently on the staff of a Soviet Estonian newspaper in the capital of Soviet Estonia.
- i. AERROOT/9 is a stateless Estonian residing in East Berlin. He serves as a cutout between AERROOT/5 and AERROOT/6.
- j. AEFLIRTY/3 is a Soviet diplomat stationed in Stockholm. He is suspected of being an R.I.S. case officer

5. During the period since the last renewal the following activity transpired:

- a. AERROOT/5 had one meeting with AERROOT/6 in West Germany during the last project year, at which time AERROOT/6 attempted to recruit AERROOT/5 for the R.I.S. Subsequent attempts to have AERROOT/6 come out for another meeting have been unsuccessful.

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- b. AEROOT/5 maintained a correspondence with AEROOT/9. Attempts to entice AEROOT/9 to come to the West in an effort to clarify his status vis-a-vis the R.I.S. have been unsuccessful.
- c. AENEON/14 was sent to Finland to take advantage of an anticipated increase in Finnish-Estonian cultural exchanges. The increase did not materialize, due to unexplained Soviet restrictions on travel to Estonia this summer. AENEON/14 contacted and developed AENEON/35, who will serve as an Estonian asset in Finland.
- d. AENEON/21 was developed and partially trained for a repatriation mission to Soviet Estonia. He declined the mission when he was part way through his training.
- e. AENEON/24 made one trip to Stockholm to contact an old friend of his, AEFLIRTY/3, and to assess him for possible recruitment in place.

6. Cost of Project.

- a. The cost of the project from 1 November 1956 through 31 March 1958, was ☐ compared with ☐ approved for the period. The cost of the project for the period 1 April to 30 June was ☐.
- b. Estimated costs for the period 1 April to 30 September are ☐ broken down as follows:

Salaries:

AEROOT/5	\$ 1,125.
AENEON/14	4,400.
AENEON/16	1,200.
AENEON/21	700.
AENEON/24	300.
AENEON/27	375.
Cost of Living Differential for AENEON/14	<u>500.</u>

Total Salaries

\$8,600.

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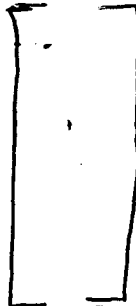
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Total Salaries (from preceding page) \$ 8,600.

Operational Expenses

Quarters for AENEON/14  
Allowance for Safe House,  
Frankfurt  
Case Officer and Agent Travel  
Entertainment  
Supplies  
Other operational expenses,  
including spotting, assessing,  
purchase of information



Total Operational Expenses

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Chief, SR/2

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**FI OPERATIONAL AUTHORIZATION**

TO : FINANCE DIVISION

THROUGH: FI/PLANS/PROJECTS BRANCH, FI/ADMIN/BF

SUBJECT: AEROOT ; 9-3400-83-145 ; Munich SR  
APPROVAL OF PROJECT ACCOUNT NO. COUNTRY, AREA DIVISION

**SECTION 1. TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECTS BRANCH**

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED FROM 1 April 1958 TO 30 September 1958 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AS BROKEN DOWN BELOW.

**EXTENSION**

FI/PLANS/PROJECTS BRANCH DATE

**SECTION 2. TO BE COMPLETED BY CASE OFFICER**

	BREAKDOWN OF REQUESTED TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR
		1958	1959
	COMPENSATION	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050
	ALLOWANCES	[ ]	[ ]
	TRAVEL	[ ]	[ ]
	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	[ ]	[ ]
	OTHER: <u>Safehouse</u>	[ ]	[ ]
	TOTAL	\$ [ ]	\$ [ ]

**ACCOUNTING DETAILS**

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check one) ☒ REGULAR ☐ SUBSIDY ☐ PROPRIETARY

METHOD BY WHICH PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE

Hdq. and [ ]

FUNDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY: (Check one) ☒ REGULAR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTINGS (AFR 30-10)  
☐ RECEIPTS ONLY (CFR 9.4)  
☐ OTHER (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3. TO BE COMPLETED BY DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SR DIVISION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1959 CONTAINS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET THE OBLIGATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

[ ] 6 August '58  
DATE

**SECTION 4. OTHER APPROVALS**

FINANCE DIVISION MUST HAVE, IN ADDITION TO FI PROJECT APPROVAL, SPECIFIC WRITTEN APPROVAL ON CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPENDITURES BEFORE FUNDS CAN BE ADVANCED. INDICATE BELOW ANY APPROVALS IN THIS CATEGORY THAT HAVE BEEN SECURED:

<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN WHEN REQUIRED
<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Explain): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> RENTALS IN EXCESS OF THAT PERMITTED BY REGULATION	

**SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL CRYPTONYMS, PSEUDONYMS, ETC.**

SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER  [ ] [ ] SR/2	EXTENSION  8545	SIGNATURE OF DIVISION CHIEF OR DESIGNEE	DATE
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